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### REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, directed to a method of synthesizing ferrate, which includes claims 1-3, 15, and 19-21. Applicants have cancelled the claims drawn to the non-elected subject matter, *i.e.*, claims 4-14 and 16-18. Applicants assert that the cancellation of these claims was made solely in response to the election requirement by the Examiner and that such cancellation makes no admission as to the patentability of said claims. Applicants reserve the right to file continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications and pursue the cancelled subject matter.

Applicants have also cancelled Claim 15 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. As with the other cancelled claims, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of Claim 15 in this or any other patent application.

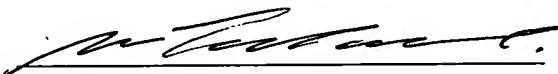
Applicants have added Claims 22-36, which are also drawn to the subject matter of Group I claims. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification, for example, at, *inter alia*, Paragraphs [0061] - [0066].

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. If this is incorrect, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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